

South King County Projects Update

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South King County Traffic Closures This Week

Interstate 5

The **left lane of southbound I-5 between S. 336th and the Pierce County line** will close nightly Monday through Thursday (Sept. 12-15) from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Crews are working in the median.

The **left lane of southbound I-5 between Military Road and S. 320th** will close daily Monday through Friday (Sept. 12-16) from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crews are working in the median.

Drivers should expect daytime **shoulder closures** on I-5 from S. 320th to the Pierce County line for electrical work.

Highway 18

One lane in each direction of Highway 18 near I-5 will close nightly Monday through Thursday (Sept. 12-15) from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge work.

One lane of westbound Highway 18 between West Valley Road and Weyerhaeuser Way will close Tuesday through Thursday (Sept. 13-15) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for striping and traffic camera pole work.

The right eastbound lane of Highway 18 between Weyerhaeuser Way and West Valley Road will close Thursday night (Sept. 15) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for striping.

Highway 161

Drivers should expect daytime **shoulder closures** on Highway 161 between S. 360th and Milton Way from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (Sept. 12-16) for work associated with highway widening.

City Streets

The **intersection of S. 317th St. and 28th Ave. S.** closed at 7 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 for twenty days. The intersection is scheduled to reopen by 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. Crews are building a roundabout (see below).

Northbound traffic will be detoured at S. 317th to 23rd S. and S. 312th. Southbound traffic will be detoured at S. 312th to 23rd S. Local access will be maintained for residents on 28th S. between S. 312th and S. 317th.

Construction Updates

[I-5 - S. 317th HOV Direct Access](#) **Military Road South to South 320th Street**

We're beginning construction on the roundabout at the intersection of S. 317th and 28th Ave. S. (see traffic closures above). Last week we prepared for construction by grading and placing electrical conduit (tubes to hold wiring) at the roundabout site. We're also continuing work in the median of I-5: building the new HOV ramps, and installing drainage, barrier and electrical conduit.

[I-5 HOV Widening](#) **South 320th Street to the King/Pierce County Line**

We've started excavating for a retaining wall in the I-5 median near Highway 161. This wall will separate the higher northbound lanes from the lower southbound lanes. Last week we removed two metal structures holding signs over I-5 at Highway 18. We had to remove these to make room to widen I-5. We've finished installing guardrail and removing temporary concrete barrier at the south end of the project (near the Pierce County line).

[Highway 18 Truck Climbing Lane](#) **Highway 167 to Weyerhaeuser Way**

This week crews will stripe westbound lanes, ramps and shoulders and eastbound ramps. We'll also be performing electrical work on the north (westbound) side of the road for about a month. Crews are installing an electrical system that will power new roadway lighting and traffic cameras. We expect to complete work on this project and open the truck-climbing lane this fall.

Highway 161 Widening

Jovita Boulevard to South 360th Street

This week, crews are placing base material for the widened roadway between S. 370th and 28th S. Work continues on retaining walls, drainage installation, detention ponds and the new signal at 28th S.

Looking ahead, on Saturday, Sept. 24 between midnight and 5 a.m., crews will close the north side of the Highway 161 / 28th S. intersection. During the closure crews will lower 28th S. to match the level of the widened portion of Highway 161. We will provide a signed detour for drivers who normally use 28th S.

What is a Roundabout?

We're building a roundabout at the intersection of S. 317th and 28th S., just west of I-5 in Federal Way. A roundabout is a circular intersection where traffic flows around a center island. A roundabout is **not** a traffic circle or a traffic calming island. What's the difference? Visit our [roundabouts Web site](#) to find out, and learn how roundabouts:

- enhance safety
- reduce delays
- improve traffic flow
- save money

When the freeway ramps and overpass at S. 317th are complete later this year, the new roundabout at S. 317th/28th S. will allow buses, carpools and vanpools easy access between the I-5 HOV lanes and Sound Transit's new Federal Way Transit Center.

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov.

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